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SUBJECT: SPANISH GOVERNMENT APPROACHES BELGIAN GOVERNMENT

RE VOTING BY SPANIARDS LIVING ABROAD

REF: 75 BRUSSELS 987 NOTAL

1. BELGIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL TOLD US THAT SPANISH EMBASSY RECENTLY APPROACHED MINISTRY TO DETERMINE IF BELGIUM WOULD PERMIT SPANIARDS RESIDING IN BELGIUM TO VOTE IN SPANISH ELECTIONS AT SPANISH EMBASSY. REFTEL REPORTED SIMILAR PORTGUESE REQUEST PRIOR TO ELECTIONS THERE LAST YEAR.
2. BELGIANS TOLD US THAT SPANISH CONCERNS WERE SIMILAR TO THOSE PREVIOUSLY EXPRESSED BY PORTUGUESE. THEY BELIEVE THAT VOTES BY SPANISH EMIGRE WORKERS WOULD BE A MODERATING INFLUENCE IN SPANISH ELECTIONS.
3. BELGIANS REPLIED TO SPANISH QUERY AS THEY HAD TO PORTUGUESE. VOTING WOULD BE PERMITTED AT SPANISH EMBASSY, BUT NO PUBLIC CAMPAIGNING AND NO POLITICAL MEETINGS WOULD BE PERMITTED IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN PUBLIC ORDER.FIRESTONE

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